

City of Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2004

The City of Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee met on Thursday, November 18, 2004 at Savory Café, 7071 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD.

Members Present:	Greg Castano, Michael Goodno, Katherine Kelly, Laurie Kelly, Larry Rubin, Susan Solarz
Members Absent:	Robert Patten
Staff Present:	Ilona Blanchard, Associate Planner
Others Present:	Suzanna Banwell (interviewed applicant to the committee), Steve Moody (soon to be interviewed applicant to the committee), Public Safety Committee (second half of meeting)

1. Review of Meeting #2 minutes

Katherine Kelly began the meeting at 6:35. Several Committee members did not have any issues with minutes, however, as there had been little review time, it was decided to review and adopt the minutes at the next meeting.

2. Presentation of Handouts.

Staff presented several items to the committee for their information: a comparison of Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland, District, and Arlington, VA statistics on commuter transportation modes as reported by the 2000 US Census survey and a description of a Safe Routes to School program undertaken by other communities. Excerpts from the Maryland State CTP (Consolidated Transportation Program) were shown, and a link to the CTP online will be provided to the Committee. The hard copy is available to Committee members from Staff.

A paper or list of existing Council positions on transportation related issues, and the completed county CIP are still outstanding.

3. Discussion of Officer elections and Secretary scheduling

A motion was made and passed with all in favor to elect Greg Castano as Chair and Mike Goodno as second Vice-Chair (Larry Rubin is Vice-Chair as elected the previous month).

Laurie Kelly volunteered to be Secretary the next meeting, with Susan Solarz the month after. Rather than a schedule, the Secretary will be designated (volunteer) without a schedule to allow for flexibility.

4. Discussion of Initiative/Strategic Planning Ideas.

As there were no Committee members who had not been present at the prior meeting, there was no discussion of items to add to the list (hereafter referred to as a matrix) from which priorities would be developed.

G. Castano wanted more clarification to understand how the Committee should think about funding issues. L. Rubin pointed out that it was the Committee's charge to prioritize and develop initiative ideas for the Council, for which once adopted the Committee could work on funding issues, but essentially the Council, State, and County as well as grant agencies would fund the project based on the merits as developed by the Safe Roadways Committee.

The Committee discussed the draft matrix developed by the staff. After some discussion of specific issues, it was decided that it would be helpful if:

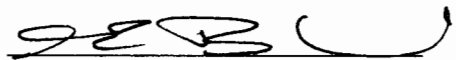
- a) Categories were added such as pedestrian safety, bicycle safety, objectives such as access to activity centers etc, that could be used to rate the priorities with check marks. There was some discussion of what the objectives should be.
- b) A prioritization system was to be developed and adopted by the committee at the next meeting in order to assist in creating the priority list. It was also suggested that a history column be added.

5. MD 650/MD 193

Staff presented an aspect of the MD 650/MD 193 State Highway project that would be coming before the City Council at the next meeting to the Committee for their comments if they would like to advise the Council. The committee decided to write a letter to the Council reiterating their support for past plans that have not been implemented along this section of highway. K. Kelly volunteered to draft the letter for the Committee's online comments. Greg Castano agreed to present the letter to the Council.

6. Meeting merges with the Public Safety Committee

Respectfully Submitted


Ilona Blanchard, Associate Planner

Approved


Katherine Kelly, Chairperson
(Temporary)